

MONTANA 2015

MUNICIPAL PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTION CALENDAR

<u>DEADLINES</u>	<u>TIMES</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
MAY 4		FIRST DAY FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE FOR OFFICE
JULY 2	5:00 P.M. 5:00 P.M.	DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO FILE FOR OFFICE DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO WITHDRAW PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDACY
WITHIN 5 DAYS OF FILING FOR OFFICE		CANDIDATES MUST FILE APPROPRIATE PAPERWORK WITH COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES IN ORDER FOR THEIR NAMES TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT
JULY 10		DEADLINE FOR GOVERNING BODY TO DECIDE THAT A NON PARTISAN PRIMARY MUST BE HELD, IF ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR DETERMINES THAT AN ELECTION NEED NOT BE HELD
AUGUST 10	5:00 P.M.	DEADLINE FOR CANDIDATES TO WITHDRAW GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDACY

IF CONDUCTING A MUNICIPAL ELECTION

AUGUST 17	5:00 P.M.	DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE A DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION, <u>EXCEPT</u> IN MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS CLOSE OF PRIMARY REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION (REGISTRATION FORMS POSTMARKED BY THIS DATE AND RECEIVED WITHIN 3 DAYS ARE ACCEPTED FOR REGULAR REGISTRATION)
AUGUST 18		BEGINNING OF LATE REGISTRATION
AUGUST 20	5:00 P.M.	DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES <u>IN MAIL BALLOT</u> ELECTIONS TO FILE A DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION

AUGUST 20		REGISTRATIONS FORMS POST MARKED BY AUGUST 17 AND RECEIVED ON BY THIS DATE ARE ACCEPTED FOR REGULAR REGISTRATION
AUGUST 26		DATE BY WHICH PRIMARY ELECTION ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR VOTING; ELECTORS ON THE ANNUAL ABSENTEE ELECTOR LIST ARE SENT BALLOTS AUTOMATICALLY
SEPTEMBER 14	NOON	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION TO BE MADE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT
SEPTEMBER 14	NOON	ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE ISSUED TO LATE REGISTRANTS UP UNTIL THIS TIME ON THE DAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY; LATE REGISTRANTS WHO SUBMIT A REGISTRATION FORM AFTER NOON MUST RETURN TO THE ELECTION OFFICE ON ELECTION DAY TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT
SEPTEMBER 15	8:00 P.M.	MUNICIPAL PRIMARY NOMINATION ELECTION END OF LATE REGISTRATION (OR WHEN ALL INDIVIDUALS IN LINE AT 8:00 P.M. HAVE REGISTERED)
SEPTEMBER 21	3:00 P.M.	COUNTING OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS THAT ARE NOT RESOLVED BY THE END OF ELECTION DAY MAY NOT BEGIN PRIOR TO THIS DATE AND TIME
	3:00 P.M.	DEADLINE FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS TO RECEIVE FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS (FWABs) THAT WERE SENT BY ABSENT MILITARY AND OVERSEAS ELECTORS BY 8:00 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY
BY SEPTEMBER 29		CANVASS COMPLETED- BOARD DECLARES NOMINATED THE INDIVIDUALS HAVING RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH OFFICE AND PROCLAIMS ADOPTION OR REJECTION OF BALLOT ISSUES
WITHIN 5 DAYS OF OFFICIAL CANVASS		DEADLINE OF CANDIDATES TO INITIATE CONTEST OF PRIMARY ELECTION NOMINATION
		DEADLINE FOR UNSUCCESSFUL PRIMARY ELECTION CANDIDATES TO APPLY FOR A RECOUNT, IF APPLICABLE

WITHIN 10 DAYS		DEADLINE FOR SUCCESSFUL PRIMARY WRITE-IN NOMINEES TO
OF OFFICIAL		FILE A WRITTEN DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE
CANVASS		
OCTOBER 5		CLOSE OF REGULAR VOTER REGISTRATION (REGISTRATION FROMS POSTMARKED BY THIS DATE AND RECEIVED WITHIN 3 DAYS ARE ACCEPTED FOR REGULAR REGISTRATION) MANICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION
	5:00 P.M.	DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE A DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, EXCEPT IN MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS (SEE ALSO OCTOBER 8)
OCTOBER 6		BEGINNING OF LATE REGISTRATION
OCTOBER 8	5:00 P.M.	DEADLINE FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATE <u>IN MAIL BALLOT</u> ELECTIONS TO FILE A DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
		REGISTRATION FROMS POSTMARKED BY OCTOBER 5 AND RECEIVED BY THIS DATE ARE ACCEPTED FOR REGULAR REGISTRATION
OCTOBER 14		DATE BY WHICH GENERAL ELECTION ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR VOTING; ELECTORS ON THE ANNUAL ABSENTEE ELECTOR LIST ARE SENT BALLOTS AUTOMATICALLY
NOVEMBER 2	NOON	DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION TO BE MADE FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT
	NOON	ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE ISSUED TO LATE REGISTRANTS UP UNTIL THIS TIME ON THE DAY BEFORE ELECTION DAY; LATE REGISTRANTS WHO SUBMIT A REGISTRATION FORM AFTER NOON MUST RETURN TO THE ELECTION OFFICE ON ELECTION DAY TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT
NOEVENBER 3		MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION
	8:00 P.M.	END OF LATE REGISTRATION (OR WHEN ALL INDIVIDUALS IN LINE AT 8:00 P.M. HAVE REGISTERED)

NOVEMBER 9	3:00 P.M.	COUNTING OF PROVISIONAL BALLOTS THAT ARE NOT RESOLVE BY THE END OF ELECTION DAY MAY NOT BEGIN PRIOR TO THIS DATE AND TIME
	3:00 P.M.	DEADLINE FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS TO RECEIVE FEDERAL WRITE-IN ABSENTEE BALLOTS (FWABs) THAT WERE SENT BY ABSENT MILITARY AND OVERSEAS ELECTORS BY 8 P.M. ON ELECTION DAY
BY NOVEMBER 17		CANVASS COMPLETED- BOARD DECLARES ELECTED THE INDIVIDUALS HAVING RECEIVED THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES CAST FOR EACH OFFICE AND PROCLAIMS ADOPTION OR REJECTION OF BALLOT ISSUES
WITHIN 5 DAYS OF OFFICIAL CANVASS		DEADLINE FOR UNSUCCESSFUL GENERAL ELECTION CANDIDATES TO APPLY FOR A RECOUNT, IF APPLICABLE
WITHIN 10 DAYS OF OFFICIAL		DEADLINE FOR SUCCESSFUL GENERAL ELECTION WRITE-IN CANDIDATES TO FILE A WRITTEN DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE